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HIGHLIGHTS

Eligibility Requirements

Players must have been 2024 BCA Pool League members and played at least eight (8) weeks in a single division session during 2024 (Jan 1 thru Dec 31, 2024).

CSI Group Play...all teams guaranteed at least 5 matches*

Going two-and-out, or even being eliminated early, is a thing of the past! With the CSI Group Play format, all teams are guaranteed at least five matches.* Stage 1 is a group stage and Stage 2 is a single elimination final bracket. In Stage 1, teams are randomly drawn into five separate matches,* each typically consisting of 15 racks or 9 racks for Ladies 8-Ball Teams. The teams that perform the best advance to Stage 2. Visit the **TEAMS** section of this Player Guide for a full explanation of the CSI Group Play format.

**Excluding factors beyond the control of the BCA Pool League such as forfeits, drop-out teams, no-shows, byes, etc.*

New Team Divisions

We are excited to announce two new team divisions: the 8-Ball Teams Iron Division and 9-Ball Teams Silver Division. The 8-Ball Teams Iron Division will be 5-player teams with a team rating limit of 2,000. The 9-Ball Teams Silver division will be 3-player teams with a team rating limit of 1,500. This will provide more opportunity for lower rated teams. Note that the previous 8-Ball Teams Diamond division, which was 5-player teams with a team rating limit of 3,250, has been discontinued due to a continued lack of participation.

New Singles Divisions

Previously, the 8-Ball Singles field of players was split into four (4) divisions, the Ladies 8-Ball Singles field of players was split into three (3) divisions, and the 9-Ball Singles field of players was split into three (3) divisions. This year, 8-Ball Singles will be split into five (5) divisions (Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, & Iron), Ladies 8-Ball Singles will be split into four (4) divisions (Platinum, Gold, Silver, & Bronze), and 9-Ball Singles will be split into four (4) divisions (Platinum, Gold, Silver, & Bronze). This will help reduce the rating gaps within divisions, making them all more competitive.

Format Change for Singles & Scotch Doubles Divisions

Everyone should have the opportunity to play in as many divisions as possible. To do that efficiently, it's important to complete one division before the next one begins. The end of a double elimination bracket takes too much time to complete, causes match conflicts, delays, and frustration. For example, when there are only four people remaining, it can take eight more hours to complete. To accommodate the growth of the event and still provide everyone the opportunity to play in multiple divisions, the format of all singles and doubles divisions will be slightly modified. The format will be double elimination until the prize money rounds and a single elimination final bracket.

Late Matches & Player Breaks

We want everyone to have adequate time and a good experience. However, late matches can delay the entire event so there must be reasonable time restrictions in place. Therefore, two (2) hours will be allotted for all singles & doubles matches. If a match is late (2 hours have passed from the actual start time), emergency action may be taken, at the sole discretion of event staff, to conclude the match quickly, including but not limited to, the players lagging for the remaining points. Visit the official event webpage and review the Tournament Regulations for more detail on late matches, player breaks, and more.

Second Chance Divisions

Second chance divisions are planned for Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles, 9-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, and 8-Ball Teams. The start times, format, and other details will be announced at the event.

Mini-Tournaments

We anticipate more than 1,000 mini-tournaments to be held during the BCA Pool League World Championships. Many different formats may be offered such as handicapped, non-handicapped, 8-ball, 9-ball, 10-ball, etc.

Predator Apex Premier League Edition Tables

The BCA Pool League World Championships will be played on 7-foot Predator Apex Premier League Edition tables, which have been meticulously designed by CSI and Predator for performance, reliability, and fun. Visit www.playcsipool.com/2022-news to learn more about these tables.

Pro Events – Watch for Free

There will once again be exciting pro events held during the BCA Pool League World Championships and you will get to enjoy them in person for free in the Pro Arena.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



2025 BCA POOL LEAGUE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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WED 2/19	THU 2/20	FRI 2/21	SAT 2/22	SUN 2/23	MON 2/24	TUE 2/25	WED 2/26	THU 2/27	FRI 2/28	SAT 3/1
8-BALL SCOTCH DOUBLES <small>Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze</small>						8-BALL TEAMS <small>Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron</small>				
9-BALL SINGLES <small>Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze</small>			8-BALL SINGLES <small>Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron</small>			LADIES 8-BALL TEAMS				
FAIRMATCH 8-BALL SINGLES <small>Handicapped races</small>			SENIOR 8-BALL SINGLES <small>Divisions: Platinum, Gold</small>							
SECOND CHANCE 9-BALL SINGLES			LADIES 8-BALL SINGLES <small>Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze</small>							
SECOND CHANCE FAIRMATCH 8-BALL SINGLES						SECOND CHANCE 8-BALL SINGLES		SECOND CHANCE 8-BALL TEAMS		
9-BALL TEAMS <small>Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver</small>										
MINI-TOURNAMENTS <small>(available for all USA Pool League, BCA Pool League & CSI members - membership card required)</small>										
						JR 9-BALL SINGLES		JR 8-BALL SINGLES		
CSI 9-BALL SINGLES						CSI 10-BALL SINGLES		CSI 8-BALL SINGLES		
 PRO EVENTS 										

GENERAL INFO

The purpose of this document is to provide the necessary information about the event. This document is not intended to convey the procedures that must be followed at the event. For those details, please refer to the Tournament Regulations.

Important Dates

Dec 9: Last day for early entry discount

Jan 13: Last day for mailed entries & personal checks

Jan 20: Last day to register

Jan 20: Last day for refund requests

Jan 27: Last day for change requests & TBA names

Jan 31: Last day for hotel discount

Refunds & Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email or postal mail by Jan 20, 2025 and will be processed after March 10, 2025. Admin fees are non-refundable and an additional \$20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded. Change requests must be received by Jan 27, 2025, and a \$20/player processing fee applies to each change.

Safety Rules & Regulations

Although it is impossible to predict what safety restrictions may be in place at the time of the event, players should be prepared to adhere to all safety rules & regulations put into place by CueSports International, the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Nevada state government or local ordinances. Face coverings, social distancing and temperature checks are just a few examples of safety precautions that could be in effect. Players accept this when they register and refusal to follow safety rules and regulations is not sufficient justification for a refund.

On-Site Registrations

Some divisions accept on-site registration but must be cash only in US currency. NOTE: On-site registrations are no longer accepted for 9-Ball Teams.

Event Fees

Admin fees help cover the cost of processing registrations, verifying eligibility, verifying ratings, etc. Late registrations create a backlog, require extra personnel, and increase costs. On-site registrations require extra event staff and even more costs. Because admin fees are consumed during the registration process, they are non-refundable. Admin fees are included in the entry fees and are as follows:

DIVISION TYPE	EARLY ENTRY (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ENTRY
SINGLES	\$25	additional \$25	N/A
SCOTCH DOUBLES	\$25/player	additional \$25/player	N/A
TEAMS	\$20/core player	additional \$20/core player	N/A
JUNIORS	\$20	additional \$10	additional \$10

Green fees help cover the cost of the venue, equipment, staff, set-up, tear-down, etc. Green fees are refundable if a written refund request is submitted prior to the refund request deadline. Green fees are included in the entry fees and are as follows:

DIVISION TYPE	EARLY ENTRY (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ENTRY
SINGLES	\$25	\$25	N/A
SCOTCH DOUBLES	\$25/player	\$25/player	N/A
TEAMS	\$20/core player	\$20/core player	N/A

Change fees help cover the cost of processing changes such as removing and adding players on teams, verifying the eligibility of new players, verifying the ratings of new players, etc. The change fee is \$20/change. We encourage you to be confident about your registration before submitting it to avoid change fees.

Digital Membership Card & Valid Photo ID Required

All participants must have their digital membership card and valid Government-issued photo ID and present it to all opposing players, teams or staff upon request. Your digital membership card can be found in your personal profile on the [FargoRate mobile app](#) which can be downloaded for free on Android and Apple devices. Physical cards are no longer produced so please download the FargoRate app and have your digital membership card ready to show upon request. **Failure to show your digital membership card and valid Government-issued photo ID can result in automatic disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prize money.**

Dress Code

All events will follow Dress Code A unless otherwise specified.

Hotel Discount - Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Please visit the event webpage for all hotel information and deadlines: www.playcspool.com/2025-bcapl-world-championships

Fargo Ratings

FargoRate has replaced the outdated systems of subjectively classifying players as Open-Advanced-Master, A-B-C, 3-4-5, etc. Players with at least 200 games of data in the FargoRate system have an established rating. Those with fewer than 200 games have a preliminary rating based on any data in the FargoRate system and a starter rating assigned by the BCA Pool League.

Example: John has a Fargo Rating of 593 based on just 50 games. He was assigned a starter rating of 560 by the BCA Pool League. John's preliminary rating would be calculated by a proportional combination of the two numbers $(593 \times 25\%) + (560 \times 75\%)$. Therefore, John's preliminary rating would be 568. Starter ratings may be adjusted by the BCA Pool League at any time.

Rating Reviews

We carefully review the ratings of all players who register. This process takes time, and **we reserve the right to adjust starter ratings and correct errors at any time.** To avoid late rating issues, we encourage you to register early and ensure your rating and your teammate's ratings reflect actual skill level. **Any type of rating correction is not grounds for a refund.**

REGISTER EARLY: You may register at any time. There is no need to wait until you have an active membership or reach the minimum weeks of play requirement to register. Players who are not current members but intend to play in a BCA Pool League later in the year may register now by submitting a paper or PDF entry form which can be downloaded from the [official webpage](#). These registrations will be processed and reviewed later to verify membership status and weeks played. A list of all upcoming events can be found at www.playcspool.com/events.

Rating Penalties

Each division has a team and/or individual rating cushion to allow for **natural** rating increases after registration. If a rating naturally increases beyond the cushion, game penalties may be applied. See each section of this Player Guide for specific details.

Don't Get Disqualified

We take player ratings very seriously. A player who intentionally, at the sole judgment of the BCA Pool League, enters an event with a rating that is too low for his or her ability, is cheating. Be aware that we have tools in place to monitor players who are consistently and significantly performing above their ratings during the event. We reserve the right to disqualify any player without refund or prize money. **Don't get disqualified. If you believe you are underrated, contact the BCA Pool League prior to the registration deadline.**

Ladies Events

While ladies' divisions are offered, FargoRate provides the opportunity for ladies to compete on a level playing field against men. A lady rated 450 plays at the same level as a man rated 450. Therefore, ladies are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all divisions.

Verify Your Registration

You have the responsibility of verifying your registration. The complete list of players can be found near the bottom of the official event webpage. All upcoming events can be found at www.playcspool.com/events.

If you have already registered for the event, please verify that your name appears in the "Awesome Participants" list in every division for which you registered. Technical glitches can happen and **it's your responsibility to confirm your registration(s)** at least three weeks prior to the event. If you are not on the participant list and you fail to notify us at least three weeks prior to the event, we may not be able to accommodate you. If your name does appear on the list, it's a good idea to take a screenshot and keep it with you as back-up if needed. It is not helpful to show up at the Tournament Desk and simply say that your name was previously on the list.

Start Times

Divisions may begin as early as 9am on the dates listed. However, various factors could delay start times and a delayed start is not grounds for a refund. Always check the tournament brackets at www.ctsondemand.com for the exact start time of your match or ask the Tournament Director.

Plan Your Travel Carefully

We encourage you to allow plenty of time before and after the event for travel. The BCA Pool League is not responsible for airline delays, lost luggage, traffic jams or any other travel-related issue that could cause you to miss your match and be forfeited. Matches are not delayed or accelerated to accommodate travel issues. Therefore, you are advised to arrive no later than the day before your division(s) begin and leave no sooner than the day after the event ends.

How to Avoid Forfeits

Each year, people forfeit matches because they do not follow the correct procedures. Matches are not announced at the event and there may be occasions when your table is not available at the scheduled time because earlier matches are running late. You are responsible to be at your assigned table when it becomes available. Please review Appendix A – Using CTS (CueSports Tournament System) and the Tournament Regulations. These documents detail the process of avoiding forfeits. If you still need help, please ask the Tournament Director. Being forfeited as a result of not following the correct procedures (see the Golden Rule below) is not grounds for a refund or a credit.

Golden Rule: If you are at your assigned table at the scheduled match time and do not leave, you cannot be forfeited.

Match Conflicts

You may want to play in as many divisions as possible to get the most out of your experience. Therefore, you are free to register for divisions that overlap. However, we are only able to schedule around specific overlapping divisions as noted below. If match conflicts occur that are not specified in the second column below, the player or team must forfeit one of the conflicting matches without refund.

If you're in...	We WILL schedule around...	We WILL NOT schedule around...
Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles	9-Ball Singles; Pro Events
9-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles	Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles; Pro Events
Scotch Doubles	Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles or 9-Ball Singles; and 8-Ball Singles or Senior 8-Ball Singles or Ladies 8-Ball Singles; and 9-Ball Teams	CSI 9-Ball Singles; Pro Events
8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles; 9-Ball Teams	Senior 8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; Pro Events
Senior 8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles; 9-Ball Teams	8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; Pro Events

Ladies 8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles; 9-Ball Teams	8-Ball Singles; Senior 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; Pro Events
9-Ball Teams	Scotch Doubles; and 8-Ball Singles or Senior 8-Ball Singles or Ladies 8-Ball Singles; and 8-Ball Teams or Ladies 8-Ball Teams	Junior 9-Ball Singles; Junior 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; CSI 10-Ball Singles; CSI 8-Ball Singles; Pro Events
Junior 9-Ball Singles	No other division	9-Ball Teams; 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; CSI 10-Ball Singles; Pro Events
Junior 8-Ball Singles	No other division	9-Ball Teams, 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; CSI 8-Ball Singles; Pro Events
8-Ball Teams	9-Ball Teams	Junior 9-Ball Singles; Junior 8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; CSI 10-Ball Singles; CSI 8-Ball Singles; Pro Events
Ladies 8-Ball Teams	9-Ball Teams	Junior 9-Ball Singles; Junior 8-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Teams; CSI 10-Ball Singles; CSI 8-Ball Singles; Pro Events
CSI 9-Ball Singles	No other division	Scotch Doubles; 8-Ball Singles; Senior 8-Ball Singles Ladies 8-Ball Singles; 9-Ball Teams, Pro Events
CSI 10-Ball Singles	No other division	Junior 9-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; 9-Ball Teams; Pro Events
CSI 8-Ball Singles	No other division	9-Ball Teams, Junior 8-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; Pro Events
Pro events	No other division	9-Ball Singles, Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Scotch Doubles, 8-Ball Singles, Senior 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Teams, Ladies 8-Ball Teams, 9-Ball Teams, CSI 9-Ball Singles, CSI 10-Ball Singles, CSI 8-Ball Singles, Junior 9-Ball Singles, Junior 8-Ball Singles

Payouts

Payouts will be made electronically. To receive a payout, you must provide a valid email address. You will then receive an email, usually within 24 hours, from our secure third-party partner (Payment Labs). Follow the onboarding instructions to create an account and complete the required tax information. You will then be able to monitor the delivery status of your payout. Payouts are usually received 24-48 hours after you complete all required information. Payouts may be claimed up to 90 days beyond the last day of the event. Payouts not claimed within the 90-day period will not be processed.

Team Payouts

For team payouts, one (1) payment will be made to one (1) person for the entire team payout. The person receiving the payment should document the prize money he or she distributes to others for tax purposes.

Player Agreement

These terms set forth the legally binding rules for participation in the event. By registering, players agree to be bound by all terms and conditions set forth by CueSports International (CSI). If you are under the age of 18, you agree to obtain the consent of your legal guardian to participate under these terms.

You acknowledge that you have read and completely understand the latest edition of the Player Guide, Entry Form, Tournament Regulations and/or all rules and regulations and I will check for the latest edition of all documents just prior to the event start date. You agree to abide by all rules & regulations implemented by CueSports International (CSI). CSI reserves the following rights and responsibilities: determine a player's eligibility, refuse entry to anyone for any reason, change field sizes, adjust ratings, adjust races, display names and ratings online, change schedules & payouts based on, but not limited to, field sizes, inclement weather, acts of God, war, or terrorism.

You understand that your participation in this event is completely voluntary. CSI and all representatives, agents, sponsors and affiliates are released and to be held harmless of and from any injury, illness, losses, damages, liability or expenses of any kind incurred by me, my heirs or personal representatives either caused or alleged to be caused during or surrounding this event. Maximum liability to CSI, if any, shall be limited to reimbursement of the entry fee paid.

Disqualification from any CSI event, for any reason, shall result in forfeiture of any prize money won by that player or team, and possible suspension from future CSI produced events.

CSI may also use your photograph, image, likeness or name for information, reporting or promotional purposes via print, video and other media without limitation or compensation of any kind. By participating, you further release all media and appearance rights to CSI for the production of televised matches, recorded or broadcast at the event and for all photographic images taken at the event. By registering, you agree that CSI may also add your email address to its email list and send you periodic emails at its sole discretion.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

Check-in is not required for scotch doubles divisions. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play. **Emergency change requests must be made at the BCA Pool League Registration Desk by noon, Wednesday, Feb 19** and final league standings and/or other documents may be required. Only players with an established Fargo rating (minimum robustness of 200) may be added on-site. Emergency changes require a change request fee of \$20 per change and may not result in the team moving into another division. The format is double elimination to the prize money rounds (Stage 1) and a single elimination final bracket (Stage 2).

Eligibility

- There is no male/female requirement. Teams may consist of male/female, male/male or female/female.
- Both teammates must have had a **2024 BCA Pool League membership** and played at least **eight (8) weeks** in a single division session **during 2024** (Jan 1 thru Dec 31, 2024).
- No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.

Team Rating Increases

There is a 20-point team rating cushion. If a team is eligible for a specific division at the time of registration, but one or more members' ratings naturally increase to push them over the limit plus the cushion, it has the following options:

- Option 1: Move up into the next division (if possible) and pay any difference in entry fees
- Option 2: Replace one (1) player to get back within the division limit (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion

Example: A Gold Scotch Doubles team is below the 1,100 limit at the time of registration but its rating naturally increases to 1,118 (18 pts. over the limit) – there is no penalty in the match because it did not exceed the 20-point team rating cushion. If its rating naturally increases to 1,152 (32 pts. over the cushion), it will incur a one-game penalty in each match.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point individual rating cushion. If a person is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration, but his or her rating naturally increases over the limit plus the cushion, the team has the following options:

- Option 1: Replace the player (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)
- Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion

Example: A player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 afterwards (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same player's rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Scotch Doubles Divisions (teams may be male/male, male/female, female/female)

DIVISIONS	START DATE	TEAM MAX RATING ¹	RACE	EARLY ENTRY ² (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY ² (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Platinum	2/20 (Thu)	1,200	4	\$300	\$350	N/A
Gold	2/20 (Thu)	1,100	4	\$250	\$300	N/A
Silver	2/20 (Thu)	1,000	4	\$200	\$250	N/A
Bronze	2/20 (Thu)	900	3	\$150	\$200	N/A

1. The team's combined rating may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.

2. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.

SINGLES

Check-in for singles divisions is not required. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play. The format is double elimination to the prize money rounds (Stage 1) and a single elimination final bracket (Stage 2).

Eligibility

- Players must have had a **2024 BCA Pool League membership** and played at least **eight (8) weeks** in a single division session **during 2024** (Jan 1 thru Dec 31, 2024).
- Ladies' divisions are open to female players only, as determined by current government-issued photo ID.
- For Ladies divisions, no female may be rated higher than 660 at the time of registration. For all other divisions, no person may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.
- All players in the Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles division must have an established Fargo rating (minimum robustness of 200).

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point individual rating cushion. If a person is rated 720 (660 for Ladies Singles) or lower at the time of registration, but his or her rating naturally increases above 730 (670 for Ladies Singles), he or she has the following options:

Option 1: Move to another division (if possible) and pay any difference in entry fees

Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730 (or 670)

Example: A player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 (5 pts. over the cushion), he or she will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If his or her rating naturally increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), he or she will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Singles Divisions

DIVISIONS	START DATE	COMPOSITION ¹ (approx.)	RACE	EARLY ENTRY ² (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY ² (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ENTRY
9-Ball Singles						
Platinum	2/19 (Wed)	Upper 10-15%	6	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	2/19 (Wed)	Next 35-40%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Silver	2/19 (Wed)	Next 35-40%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Bronze (NEW)	2/19 (Wed)	Lower 10-15%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles ³	2/19 (Wed)	All	R5 Hot	\$175	\$200	N/A
8-Ball Singles						
Platinum	2/22 (Sat)	Upper 10-20%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	2/22 (Sat)	Next 20-25%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Silver	2/22 (Sat)	Next 20-25%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Bronze	2/22 (Sat)	Next 20-25%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Iron (NEW)	2/22 (Sat)	Lower 10-20%	4	\$175	\$200	N/A
Senior 8-Ball Singles ⁴						
Platinum	2/22 (Sat)	Upper 25%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	2/22 (Sat)	Lower 75%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Ladies 8-Ball Singles ⁵						
Platinum	2/22 (Sat)	Upper 10-15%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	2/22 (Sat)	Next 35-40%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Silver	2/22 (Sat)	Next 35-40%	4	\$175	\$200	N/A
Bronze (NEW)	2/22 (Sat)	Lower 10-15%	4	\$175	\$200	N/A

1. Players register without knowing which subdivision they will compete in (i.e., Platinum, Gold, Silver, etc.). After registration ends, the field is separated into multiple divisions based on players' Fargo ratings, approximate percentages shown and bracket sizes. The percentages shown are approximations and are subject to change based on the skill levels of the participants and bracket sizes.
2. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.
3. All players in the Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles division must have an established Fargo rating (based on a minimum robustness of 200). Races are handicapped based on the indicated FargoRate Hot race chart.
4. 8-Ball Senior Singles is open to men and ladies age 55+.
5. Ladies 8-Ball Singles is open to ladies only. All ladies must be rated 660 or lower at the time of registration.

TEAMS

Team Check-In & Rosters

Team check-in is required. The Team Captain or League Operator must check in at the BCA Pool League Registration Desk prior to the start of the division and obtain an official team roster. The official roster and valid Government-issued photo ID of all players must be presented to all opposing teams and event staff upon request. Team Captains are responsible for team rosters and there is a \$10 charge for reprinting them.

- **EMERGENCY ROSTER CHANGE REQUESTS MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DIVISION START DATE** and final league standings and/or other documents are required.
- **EMERGENCY ROSTER CHANGES ARE LIMITED TO ADDING SUBSTITUTES ONLY AND MAY NOT RESULT IN THE TEAM MOVING INTO ANOTHER DIVISION. CHANGES TO CORE ROSTERS ARE NOT PERMITTED AFTER THE CHANGE REQUEST DEADLINE.** Only players with an established Fargo rating (minimum robustness of 200) may be added on-site.

Team Shirts

Team shirts are required during team competition. Each member must have his or her own team shirt. Borrowing the shirt of a teammate is not permitted. Please reference Dress Code A for more information.

Eligibility

- All teammates must have had a **2024 BCA Pool League membership** and played at least **eight (8) weeks** in a single team division session **during 2024** (Jan 1 thru Dec 31, 2024).
- For Ladies Teams, no lady may be rated higher than 660 at the time of registration. For all other divisions, no person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.
- NOTE: A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

Core Roster & Substitutions

The "core" roster is used to determine the total team rating. Players designated as substitutes may not replace a lower-rated core player during competition. No changes are permitted to the core roster after the change request deadline...no exceptions.

Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per core player team rating cushion. If a team is eligible for a division at the time of registration but one or more members' ratings naturally increase to push them over the limit plus the cushion, it has the following options. Note that a change or correction of a starter rating is not a natural increase.

- Option 1: Move up into the next division (if possible) and pay any difference in entry fees
- Option 2: Replace one or more players to get back within the division limit (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion

Example: A Platinum 8-Ball Team is below the 3,000 limit at the time of registration but its team rating naturally increases to 3,093 (43 pts. over the cushion). It will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If its rating naturally increases to 3,127 (77 pts. over the cushion), it will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point individual rating cushion. If a person (male or female) is rated 720 or lower in Teams, or a female is rated 660 or lower in Ladies Teams at the time of registration, but his or her rating naturally increases above 730 (Teams) or 670 (Ladies Teams), the team has the following options. Note that a change or correction of a starter rating is not a natural increase.

- Option 1: Replace the player (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
- Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670)

Example: A male has a rating of 716 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same person's rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Stage 1: Penalty points are deducted from violating teams' score.

Stage 2: If a player or team has incurred a game penalty, the opponent will race to one game less. If both teams in a match have been penalized, the penalty in that match will be the difference between the two penalties. For example, if Team A has a one-game penalty and Team B has a two-game penalty, Team B will incur a one-game penalty in that match. If both teams have a one-game penalty, there will be no penalty.

Format - CSI Group Play...All teams guaranteed at least 5 matches *

The team divisions use the CSI Group Play format consisting of a **Stage 1 – Group Stage** and a **Stage 2 – Single Elimination Final Bracket**. See below for the specific details of each stage. Sample score sheets can be found on the event webpage.

Stage 1 – Group Stage	Stage 2 – Single Elimination Final Bracket
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each team plays five (5) matches* <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15 total racks per match for 8-Ball Teams & 9-Ball Teams 9 total racks per match for Ladies 8-Ball Teams Approximately 50% of the field will advance to Stage 2 Team ranking criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Match Win % ¹ Rack Win % ² Strength of Schedule ³ Shootout ⁴ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams advance to the Stage 2 single elimination bracket based on the CSI Group Play Stage 2 Advancement Table below. NOTE: the goal is to advance 50%, but no more than 50%, of the field into Stage 2. Wild card teams will be randomly selected. The Stage 2 bracket can, and often will, have some number of byes. Teams with higher rankings from Stage 1 will receive any available Stage 2 byes first. Stage 2 teams are seeded in the Stage 2 bracket by their Stage 1 ranking. Races: see division tables below

- The number of matches won divided by the number of matches played.
- The number of racks won divided by the number of racks played. This will also be used to rank teams with the same match win %. For example, if two teams have a 60% match win %, the team with the higher rack win % will be ranked higher.
- The average Fargo rating of the opposing teams' core roster. For example, if two teams have the same match win % and the same rack win %, the team that played stronger teams, on average, will be ranked higher.
- The cue ball is placed behind the head string and each core player, or eligible sub, for each team shoots alternating spot shots. The team with the most shots legally pocketed after all players have taken a shot, wins the shootout. If tied after all players have taken one shot, it is sudden death.

* Excluding factors beyond the control of the BCA Pool League such as forfeits, drop-out teams, no-shows, byes, etc. If a team receives a forfeit, they receive a match win (1.0 match win points). Their other stats are unaffected. Byes do not count as a win or loss and are not included in the stats.

CSI Group Play Stage 2 Advancement Table

TOTAL # TEAMS IN DIVISION	# TEAMS TO STAGE 2 (50% max) ¹	# WILD CARD TEAMS (1 min / 7% max) ²	STAGE 2 BRACKET SIZE (single elim)	# TEAM PAYOUTS (25% max)
10-17	5-8	1	8	2 or 4
18-33	6-16	1	16	4 or 8
34-65	17-32	1-2	32	8 or 16
66-129	33-64	2-4	64	16 or 32
130-257	65-128	4-8	128	32 or 64
258-513	129-256	9-17	256	64 or 128

See example below.

- This is the range of the total number of teams that will advance to Stage 2. No more than 50% of the field will advance to Stage 2.
- This is the number of wild card teams that will be randomly selected for Stage 2. It is a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of 7% of the total number of Stage 2 teams. Teams that have forfeited any Stage 1 match are not eligible to receive a wild card spot.

Example: There are 92 teams in a division. Refer to the row that contains 92 in the first column (66-129). The table shows that the Stage 2 bracket will be a 64-team bracket. Because a max of 50% of teams advance, 46 teams will advance to Stage 2. Because a maximum of 7% of those 46 teams will be random wild cards, there will be three (3) random wild card teams and 43 teams based on performance. The top 16 teams will earn prize money.

- Total Teams to Stage 2:** 92 total teams x 50% = 46 teams
- Wild Card Teams:** 46 teams x 7% = 3.22. Since 7% is the maximum, this rounds down to 3 wild card teams.
- Teams by Performance:** 46 total teams – 3 wild card teams = 43 teams by performance
- Teams to Win Prize Money:** 92 total teams x 25% = 23. Because bracket sizes are 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, etc., This rounds down to 16 teams.

9-Ball Team Divisions

NOTE: On-site registration is no longer accepted for 9-Ball Teams.

DIVISIONS	START DATE	PLAYERS ¹ (core/sub)	TEAM MAX RATING ²	STAGE 1 LENGTH	STAGE 2 RACE	EARLY ENTRY ³ (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY ³ (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Platinum ^{4,5}	2/25 (Tue)	3/2	1,800	15 racks	11	\$450	\$510	N/A
Gold ^{4,5}	2/25 (Tue)	3/2	1,650	15 racks	11	\$375	\$435	N/A
Silver ^{4,5} (NEW)	2/25 (Tue)	3/2	1,500	15 racks	11	\$300	\$360	N/A

1. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
2. The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.
3. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.
4. All teammates must be qualified from the same league.
5. A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

8-Ball Team Divisions

DIVISIONS	START DATE	PLAYERS ¹ (core/sub)	TEAM MAX RATING ²	STAGE 1 LENGTH	STAGE 2 RACE	EARLY ENTRY ³ (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY ³ (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Platinum ^{4,5}	2/26 (Wed)	5/3	3,000	15 racks	13	\$550	\$650	N/A
Gold ^{4,5}	2/26 (Wed)	5/3	2,750	15 racks	13	\$500	\$600	N/A
Silver ^{4,5}	2/26 (Wed)	5/3	2,500	15 racks	13	\$450	\$550	N/A
Bronze ^{4,5}	2/26 (Wed)	5/3	2,250	15 racks	11	\$400	\$500	N/A
Iron ^{4,5} (NEW)	2/26 (Wed)	5/3	2,000	15 racks	9	\$350	\$450	N/A

1. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
2. The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.
3. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of these fees.
4. All teammates must be qualified from the same league.
5. A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

Ladies 8-Ball Team Divisions

DIVISIONS	START DATE	PLAYERS ¹ (core/sub)	TEAM MAX RATING ²	STAGE 1 LENGTH	STAGE 2 RACE	EARLY ENTRY ³ (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY ³ (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Ladies ^{4,5}	2/26 (Wed)	3/2	1,350	9 racks	9	\$400	\$460	N/A

1. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
2. The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed 1,350 at the time of registration.
3. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.
4. All players must be qualified from the same league.
5. A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

SECOND CHANCE TOURNAMENTS

There will be second chance tournaments offered for Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles, 9-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, and 8-Ball Teams. Those wishing to participate in second chance events should check with the BCA Pool League Registration Desk for exact times and entry details. On-site second chance entries must be cash only (U.S. currency) and there are no refunds after registering.

MINI-TOURNAMENTS

We anticipate more than 1,000 mini-tournaments to be held during the BCA Pool League World Championships. Many different formats may be offered such as handicapped, non-handicapped, 8-ball, 9-ball, 10-ball, etc. Those wishing to participate should visit the Mini-Tournament desk in the Brasilia Ballroom (just across the hallway from the Pavilion Ballroom).

Eligibility: Must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Is registered for one or more divisions of the 2024 BCA Pool League World Championships; **or...**
- Is not registered in the 2024 BCA Pool League World Championships but has a 2024 BCA Pool League membership and pays a \$25 green fee; **or...**
- Have a current CSI Membership and pay a \$25 admin fee & \$25 green fee (if not registered in any other events).

NOTE: Some mini-tournaments have specific rating, gender, league, and misc. requirements.

CUESPORTS INTERNATIONAL (CSI) DIVISIONS

Check-in for CSI Singles divisions is not required. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play. The format is double elimination to the prize money rounds (Stage 1) and a single elimination final bracket (Stage 2).

Eligibility

- CSI divisions are open to male and female players rated 720 or lower at the time of registration.
- Junior Singles divisions do not require any type of membership or league play requirements.
- All other players must be either league-qualified or a CSI member.
 - League-Qualified: Players must have had a **2024 BCA Pool League membership** and played at least **eight (8) weeks** in a single division session **during 2024** (Jan 1 thru Dec 31, 2024).
 - CSI Member: a person who is not league-qualified but has a current CSI membership (\$40/year).

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point individual rating cushion. If a person is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating naturally increases above 730, he or she will have the following options:

Option 1: Drop out of the division and receive a refund (minus admin & processing fees)

Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730

Example: A player had a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 (5 pts. over the cushion), he will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If his rating naturally increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), he will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

CSI Divisions

CUESPORTS INTERNATIONAL SINGLES DIVISIONS	START DATE	RACE	EARLY ENTRY ¹ (by Dec 9)	LATE ENTRY ¹ (Dec 10-Jan 20)	ON-SITE ¹ ENTRY
CSI 9-Ball Singles ²	2/24 (Mon)	7	\$175	\$200	\$225
CSI 10-Ball Singles ²	2/26 (Wed)	7	\$175	\$200	\$225
CSI 8-Ball Singles ²	2/28 (Fri)	6	\$175	\$200	\$225
CSI Junior 9-Ball Singles ³	2/26 (Wed)	R4 Med	\$20	\$30	\$40
CSI Junior 8-Ball Singles ³	2/28 (Fri)	R4 Med	\$20	\$30	\$40

1. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of these fees. On-site entries must be cash only (USD) and there are no refunds after registering.
2. The on-site registration deadline is 3pm on the day before the start date.
3. Junior divisions are open to boys and girls aged 17 and under and must be accompanied by an adult. There are no cash payouts. Races are handicapped according to the FargoRate R4 Medium race chart. The on-site registration deadline is 3pm on the day before the start date.



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